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SAME

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and §§1.97-1.98, and supplemental to the Information Disclosure Statements that were previously filed on July 2, 2007 and September 18, 2006, Applicants hereby bring to the attention of the Examiner the following documents, which were cited in a Chinese Office Action with respect to a patent family member Chinese patent application:

- (1) CN 2186904 Y, along with an English language partial translation thereof;
- (2) CN 2349979 Y, along with an English language partial translation thereof; and
- (3) JP 2000-329407 A, along with an English language partial translation thereof.

Applicants note that above-noted document (3), including an English language Abstract, was previously cited in the Information Disclosure Statement filed on September 18, 2006, and

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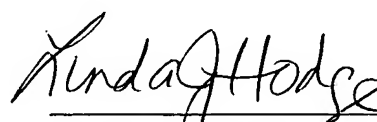
thus, only a copy of the English language partial translation of this document is enclosed herewith.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the above material and cite the same. Copies of above-noted documents (1) and (2), including the noted English language partial translations, and a copy of the noted English language partial translation of document (3), are attached hereto, and are listed on an attached Form PTO-1449. The Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate spaces on the attached Form and to return a copy of the completed Form to Applicants with the next official communication in the present application.

Applicants note that an Office Action on the merits has not issued in the present application, and thus no fee is believed necessary to ensure consideration of the submitted material.

Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

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